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Left with Helen Lawson, in the office of Senator Henry Bellmon (R., Okla.), copies of maps of the Agency to be sent to members of the group who will breakfast at the Agency with the Director on 4 May. Miss Lawson gave me a copy of the letter they have sent to their group announcing this session. She said she would let us know how many members will attend as soon as she has this information but she does not expect this will be more than several days in advance of the meeting.

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Checked with Bill Woodruff, Counsel,
Senate Appropriations Committee, and obtained from him the schedule for
the briefing of the Intelligence Operations Subcommittee on the budgets of
the intelligence community. Following the Director's briefing in the morning
and afternoon of 5 May on the community budget and his briefing in the
morning of 8 May on the Agency budget, they expect to have Dr. Hall up on
the morning of 11 May followed by DIA, NSA and the reconnaissance witnesses
on the afternoon of the 11th and the morning and afternoon of the 12th. The
exact schedule following Dr. Hall's appearance is flexible.

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Armed Services Committee staff, who indicated they had received the letter from Warren Nutter on alternative methods of financing the irregular forces in Laos and they felt Nutter's response was less than helpful.

I also talked further with these staffers about the problems which we had with the sections of the State authorization bill having to do with dissemination of information abroad and reductions of overseas personnel. They agreed with our assessment that it would be virtually impossible for Senator Stennis to do anything for us on the information section of the bill (or, in fact, to have anyone do anything about this) on the floor of the Senate without attracting attention to the Agency's covert action programs. On the other hand they felt Senator Stennis would be willing to help us on the personnel reduction problem. They added, however, they did not feel the Senator would want to be saddled with a major chore of fighting this reduction for all elements of the Defense establishment. (As a matter of fact, Stennis would like to see some personnel reductions of some DOD elements abroad.)

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9. Attended a meeting of the Legislative Interdepartmental Group at the White House. See Memo for Record.